

Adopted at Meeting of 11/28/62

Resolution Approving Amendatory Survey & Planning
Application for Project Mass. R-55, Charlestown

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (herein referred to as "Title I"), the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to extend financial assistance to local public agencies in the elimination and prevention of the spread of their slums and urban blight through the planning and undertaking of urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS it is desirable and in the public interest that the Boston Redevelopment Authority make surveys and prepare plans in order to undertake and carry out an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by Section 110 (c) of Title I, in that area proposed as an urban renewal area, situated in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, known as the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS the Authority, by resolution adopted November 2, 1960, approved the undertaking of surveys and plans for an urban renewal area as described therein; and

WHEREAS the Authority now deems it advisable and in the public interest to make additional surveys and plans to cover the extended urban renewal area described in Exhibit A attached, and made a part hereof by reference, thereby increasing the urban renewal area in size from 334.2 acres to 516.2 acres;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority:

1. That the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above is a slum, blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating area appropriate for an urban renewal project and that the undertaking by the Boston Redevelopment Authority of surveys and plans for an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by Section 110 (c) of Title I in the proposed Urban Renewal Area is hereby approved.

2. That the financial assistance available under Title I is needed to enable the Boston Redevelopment Authority to finance the planning and undertaking of the proposed project.

3. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with federal financial assistance under Title I, including those relating to the relocation of site occupants, to the provision of local grants-in-aid and to the requirement that as a condition to the execution of a contract for a loan or capital grant for an urban renewal project the locality must present to the Housing and Home Finance Administrator a Workable Program, as set forth in Section 101 (c) of Title I, for utilizing appropriate public and private resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slums and urban blight; and that it is the sense of this body (a) that a feasible method for the relocation of families displaced from the urban renewal area, in conformity with Title I, can be prepared, and (b) that local grants-in-aid can and will be provided in an amount which will be not less than one-third of the Net Project Cost of the Project and which, together with the federal capital grant, will be generally equal to the difference between Gross Project Cost and the proceeds or value of project land sold, leased, or retained for use in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan.

4. That the filing of an amendatory application by the Boston Redevelopment Authority for approval from the United States of America of the undertaking of surveys and plans for an urban renewal project in the proposed Urban Renewal Area as extended, is hereby approved, and that the Development Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required by the Administrator, and to act as the authorized representative of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Resolution amended by vote at meeting on Jan. 16, 1963, as follows:

VOTED: that the Boston Redevelopment Authority is fully aware of the conditions imposed by the President's Executive Order on Equal Opportunities in Housing and related policies of the Urban Renewal Administration prohibiting discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin and believes that such conditions will not prevent the further planning and expeditious approval and execution of the proposed Government Center Urban Renewal Project, Mass. R-35, Washington Park Urban Renewal Project, Mass. R-24, South End Urban Renewal Project, Mass. R-56, and Charlestown Urban Renewal Project, Mass. R-55, and further, that the Resolutions previously adopted by the Authority with respect to the foregoing projects and filed in the Document Book as Documents No. 130, 178, 123 and 227 respectively, are hereby amended to this effect.